



# Wood Asks 2,000,000 Reserves for Defenceless America

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MEN AT ONCE  
FOR U.S. ARMY

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by Garrison.

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From the Tribune Bureau

Washington, Jan. 19.—Major General Leonard Wood told the Senate Military Affairs Committee to-day that the country needed a standing army of 210,000 at once and at least 2,000,000 trained men to back it. He insisted that the coast line of the United States was open to attack by a well organized army and that a trained force of 150,000 could do incalculable damage before troops could be assembled to meet it.

To send men without more than six months' training against a modern army would mean "well filled cemeteries, murder of our men, disgrace and disaster," said General Wood, and for two hours he pleaded for a military policy to meet modern needs, elaborated on the country's present helplessness, and urged that the people be taught that service should be a part of citizenship.

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Invasions Can Land.

One after another the general hit at the pet schemes advanced in Congress, declaring that all so far offered were mere stop-gaps, and that the country would not be safe until the people stood behind the army, ready to take arms and train to use them. He ridiculed the idea that the European countries would not be able to fight after the present war, declared that the sea offered the best possible means of transporting troops and said that mines, submarine and all the engines of modern war would be useless to prevent a landing on our coasts, once control of the sea was lost.

He pointed out that our navy was now fourth in rank and insisted that there was no reason why we should not expect to be the control of the sea.

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"There could be no question of the danger of invasion in case of war," the general insisted. "We hear a great deal of foolishness about not moving troops over the sea," he said. "Why, the British expedition to the Dardanelles, 150,000 strong, sailed in fifty-two ships, all trains, supplies and armament, taking them where the men were tested on shore for two weeks, sailed away without cover and effected a landing on a shore without a breach, those barbed wire entanglements ran into the sea and which was surrounded by mines and submarines. There is, in fact, no better system of trapping than the sea, so far as troops are concerned."

Victor Must Be Frightened.

"And there can be no greater mistake than to suppose that the European conflict will end right again after this is over. What we want is that we will come out of it stronger, with more colonies than we went in. That may not be difficult, but that won't last them when it comes to fighting. There

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## JOHNSON FOES HALT NAMING OF POSTMASTER

Protests Cause Wilson to Hesitate on Tammany Man.

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Washington, Jan. 19.—The expected nomination of Joseph Johnson, Jr., of Bound Brook, for the postmastership of New York City failed to appear in the Senate to-day, and it was understood that the President was delaying because of the number of protests which the announcement of his choice had called out. Messages opposing the appointment came in a steady stream to the White House all day, and to-night, it is said, there is again some doubt as to the President's action.

Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, was one of those most interested in the plan, but his idea seemed to differ radically from those of another of the leaders, Representative W. W. Bailey, of Pennsylvania.

"So far as I know," said Mr. Bailey,

"Mr. Bryan is not planning any trip around the country on the President's heels. I want to make particularly clear—and I have talked with Mr. Bryan twenty times in the last few weeks—that Mr. Bryan is not opposing the President. He is just trying to show the President the light. He wants him to see that the real attitude of the American people is not for preparedness, but against it.

Believes People Oppose Defence.

"Mr. Bryan called my attention to a phrase recently used by the President that he 'believed the people were convinced' that the country should have a larger measure of preparedness. Acting on that hint, Mr. Bryan is trying to convince the President that the people are opposed to preparedness. He has assured me, as I have told my friends in the House, that he is willing to see that the real attitude of the American people is not for preparedness, but against it.

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